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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 21-39 are pending in the present application. In an Office Action dated January 3, 2002, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement, contending that the claims as filed (i.e., claims 1-26) were directed to two distinct inventions. The claims were divided into two groups: Claims 1-15 and 21-25 (Group I) and Claims 16-20 (Group II). It is assumed that claim 26, which depends from claim 21, was intended to be part of Group I as well. In an Amendment and Response filed on March 4, 2002, Applicants elected the Group I claims and withdrew the Group II claims (i.e., claims 16-20) from consideration. Applicants also added claims 27-39 in the Amendment and Response.

In a second Office Action dated April 30, 2002, the Examiner contends that Applicants failed to identify a single disclosed species of the Group I claims. In the Office Action of January 3, 2002, the Examiner contended that claims 1-15 and 21-26 are directed to five different species (i.e., Specie I-V) as shown in Figures 6-10, respectively.

Applicants provisionally elect Specie I, the embodiment shown in Figure 6. Claims 1-5, 21-24, 26 and new claims 27-33 read on this Figure. Applicants wish to reiterate that new claim 27 is generic vis-a-vis the embodiments disclosed in Figures 6-8.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,
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